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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 1976 QUADRIpartite MEETING:

DISCUSSION OF BERLIN "BRIEFING PROJECT"

AT SENIOR LEVEL MEETING

REFS: (A) STATE 291851; (B) BONN 20033

1. REFTel (A) REPORTS THE TEXT OF THE ISSUES PAPER
PREPARED BY THE BONN GROUP TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION
AT THE DECEMBER 8 SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON WHETHER AND
HOW THE PROJECT FOR BRIEFING THIRD STATES AND INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON BERLIN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE
CARRIED OUT. THE DEPARTMENT APPROVED THE PAPER AS AN
AGENDA ITEM IN REFTel (B).

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2. AT THE DECEMBER 3 BONN GROUP MEETING THE UK REP

(HITCH) REPORTED THAT LONDON HAD AGREED THAT THE PAPER WOULD BE PLACED IN BRIEFING FOLDERS, BUT ON THE FIRM UNDERSTANDING THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE PAPER WERE PERSONAL TO THE INDIVIDUAL BONN GROUP REPS. OTHER REPS ASKED HITCH WHAT THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO MEAN, SINCE THE PAPER HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY CAST IN TERMS OF OPINIONS BY INDIVIDUAL BONN GROUP MEMBERS (EVEN THOUGH THE US AND FRENCH POSITIONS EXPRESSED IN THE PAPER WERE IN FACT BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS). HITCH COULD ONLY REPEAT HIS INSTRUCTION.

3. COMMENT: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, LONDON HAS THROUGHOUT THIS EXERCISE RESERVED ITS POSITION AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CONDUCT THE BRIEFING PROJECT. HIBBERT WILL BE CHAIRING THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING, AND THIS LATEST INSTRUCTION COULD MEAN THAT HE WILL ARGUE AGAINST CONDUCTING THE PROJECT AND THUS WILL NOT BRING UP THE ISSUES ON MODALITIES RAISED IN THE BONN GROUP PAPER.
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